

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 301

Introduced by Assembly Member Soto

February 9, 2007

An act to add Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 13827) to Title 6 of Part 4 to the Penal Code, relating to criminal street gangs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 301, as amended, Soto. Criminal street gangs: statewide prevention.

Existing law establishes the California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program to partner with and provide funds to local agencies, as specified, that provide services and activities designed to prevent or deter at-risk youth from participating in gangs, criminal activity, or violent behavior. Existing law also establishes the Gang Violence Suppression Program to provide funding to local organizations and agencies that are primarily engaged in the suppression of gang violence.

This bill would create the position of the California Gang Prevention ~~Director~~ *Coordinator* within the Department of Justice who would be responsible for coordinating gang prevention efforts statewide, as specified. The bill would require the Attorney General to request funding for the position as part of the annual budget process and would make appointment to the position contingent on obtaining funding.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 13827) is added to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

CHAPTER 3.6. CALIFORNIA GANG PREVENTION ~~DIRECTOR~~
COORDINATOR

13827. There is hereby created in the Department of Justice the position of the California Gang Prevention ~~Director~~ Coordinator, who shall be responsible for, but not limited to, performing all of the following duties:

- ~~(a) Coordinating statewide gang prevention efforts.~~
- ~~(b) Directing the collection and analysis of comprehensive data on gang membership and criminal activity statewide.~~
- ~~(c) Monitoring statewide gang activity.~~
- ~~(d) Annually reporting to the Legislature and the Governor on the state of gang activity and prevention efforts.~~
- ~~(e) Developing and tracking antigang legislation.~~
- (a) Providing guidance to local government on accessing state and federal resources on community development programs to prevent gang violence.*
- (b) Recommending best practices on gang prevention programs.*
- (c) Assisting local agencies in developing gang prevention plans.*
- (d) Collecting and analyzing comprehensive data on gang membership and criminal activity statewide.*
- (e) Monitoring statewide gang activity.*
- (f) Encouraging greater integration between nongovernment organizations and local government gang prevention efforts.*
- (g) Annually reporting to the Legislature and the Governor on the state of gang prevention efforts.*

13827.1. (a) The Attorney General shall request funding for the establishment and continuation of the position of California Gang Prevention ~~Director~~ Coordinator as a part of the annual budget of the Department of Justice.

(b) Appointment of the California Gang Prevention ~~Director~~ Coordinator by the Attorney General shall be contingent upon obtaining funding pursuant to subdivision (a).

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